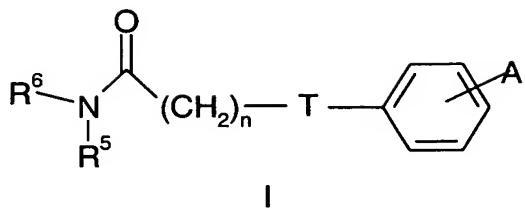


## CLAIMS

## 1. A compound of formula I



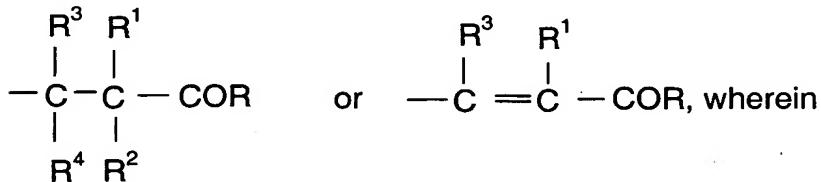
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as well as optical isomers and racemates therof as well as pharmaceutically acceptable salts, prodrugs, solvates and crystalline forms thereof,

wherein

A is situated in the ortho, meta or para position and represents

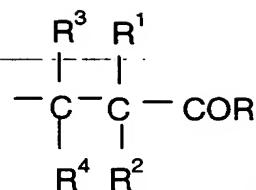
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R is hydrogen;

-OR<sup>a</sup>, wherein R<sup>a</sup> represents hydrogen, alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl;

15 -NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, wherein R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are the same or different and R<sup>a</sup> is as defined above and R<sup>b</sup> represents hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cyano, -OH, -Oalkyl, -Oaryl, -Oalkylaryl, -COR<sup>c</sup> or -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>d</sup>, wherein R<sup>c</sup> represents hydrogen, alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl and R<sup>d</sup> represents alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl;



$\text{R}^1$  is alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or when A is cyano;  $\text{R}^1$  can also be  
 $\text{-OR}^e$ , wherein  $\text{R}^e$  is alkyl, acyl, aryl or alkylaryl;  
 $\text{-O-[CH}_2\text{]}_m\text{-OR}^f$ , wherein  $\text{R}^f$  represents hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, aryl or alkylaryl  
5 and m represents an integer 1-8;  
 $\text{-OCONR}^a\text{R}^c$ , wherein  $\text{R}^a$  and  $\text{R}^c$  are as defined above;  
 $\text{-SR}^d$ , wherein  $\text{R}^d$  is as defined above;  
 $\text{-SO}_2\text{NR}^a\text{R}^f$ , wherein  $\text{R}^f$  and  $\text{R}^a$  are as defined above;  
 $\text{-SO}_2\text{OR}^a$ , wherein  $\text{R}^a$  is as defined above;  
10  $\text{-COOR}^d$ , wherein  $\text{R}^d$  is as defined above;  
 $\text{R}^2$  is hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, aryl, or alkylaryl,  
 $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  are the same or different and each represents hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or alkylaryl;

T represents O, S or a single bond;

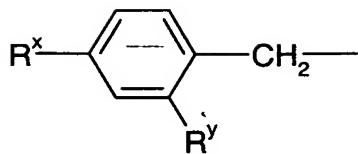
15 n represents 1, 2, 3 or 4;

$\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  are independently selected substituents, comprising C, H, N, O, S, Se, P or  
halogen atoms, which give compounds of the General Formula I a molecular weight <  
650;

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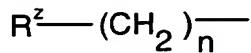
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when A is  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)\text{COOC}_2\text{H}_5$  or  $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)\text{COOH}$ ; T is O; n is 1 and  $\text{R}^5$   
represents a  $\text{C}_{2-4}$ alkyl group then  $\text{R}^6$  does not represent a group of formula



wherein R<sup>x</sup> represents chloro, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, R<sup>y</sup> represents H or fluoro;

and a second proviso that when A is CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)COOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)COOH  
5 ; T is O; n is 1 and R<sup>5</sup> represents hexyl or heptyl then R<sup>6</sup> does not represent a group of formula



wherein R<sup>z</sup> represents phenyl, 2,4-difluorophenyl or cyclohexyl, and n is 1 or 2;

10 provided that the compound of formula I is not:

(2S)-4-[2-[[2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)methyl]thio]ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[butyl(1-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-  
α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

15 (2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(3-pyridinyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]-α-phenoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[(1-methyl-3-phenylpropyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[4-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

25 (2S)-4-[2-[[2-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-  
α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[[2-[ethyl(3-methylphenyl)amino]ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

$\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[(3-methylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)-4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- $\alpha$ -methyl- benzenepropanoic acid;

4-[2-[4-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy-, benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-piperidinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy-, benzenepropanoic acid;

15 (2S)-4-[2-[ethyl[(3-methylphenyl)methyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(4-phenoxyphenyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[(1-methylhexyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(1,1'-biphenyl)-4-ylmethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

3-[2-[[cis-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

25 (2S)-4-[2-[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[methyl[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

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(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[(3-methylphenylamino)propyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(cyclobutylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[(2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl)amino]ethoxy]- $\alpha$ -[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl](phenylmethyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

15 (2S)-4-[2-[(3,3-diphenylpropyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[[trans-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[(2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl)amino]ethoxy]- $\alpha$ -phenoxy-, ethyl ester- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)-4-[2-[(2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-isoquinolinyl)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

25 (2S)-3-[2-[[2-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[(1-naphthalenylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

30 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(2-(2-

pyridinyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)-4-[2-(cyclopentylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-[bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

4-[2-[cyclohexyl[2-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -ethoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)-4-[2-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

D-Phenylalanine, N-[[4-[(2S)-2-carboxy-2-methoxyethyl]phenoxy]acetyl]-,  $\alpha$ -methyl ester;

15 (2S)-4-[2-[4-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

$\alpha$ -methoxy-3-[2-oxo-2-[(4-phenoxyphenyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[methyl(1-naphthalenylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-3-[2-[[trans-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

25 (2S)-4-[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-1-piperidinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[ethyl[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

30 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[[2-(4-

methoxyphenoxy)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(1,3-dimethylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-  
α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)-α-(4-fluorophenoxy)-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-  
[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(3,3-dimethylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-  
α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-piperazinyl]-2-  
oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(1R)-1-  
phenylethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

15 (2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-acetylphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-  
oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)(phenylmethyl)amino]-2-  
oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)-4-[2-[[cis-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-  
oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

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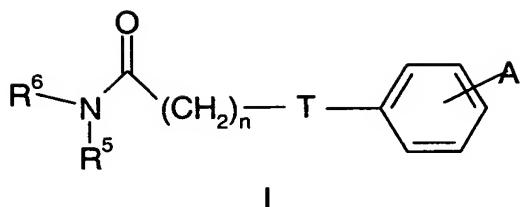
25 (2S)-4-[2-(hexylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(2-  
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or

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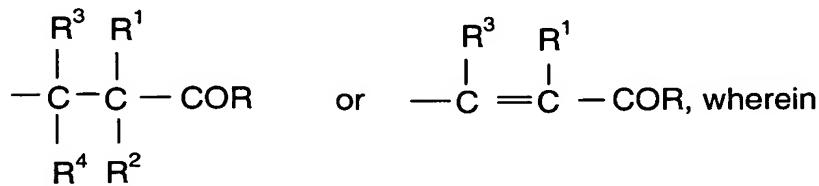
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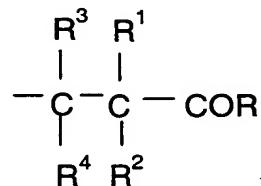
5 A is situated in the ortho, meta or para position and represents



R is hydrogen;

10 -OR<sup>a</sup>, wherein R<sup>a</sup> represents hydrogen, alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl;  
 -NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, wherein R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>b</sup> are the same or different and R<sup>a</sup> is as defined above and R<sup>b</sup> represents hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, cyano, -OH, -Oalkyl, -Oaryl, -Oalkylaryl, -COR<sup>c</sup> or -SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>d</sup>, wherein R<sup>c</sup> represents hydrogen, alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl and R<sup>d</sup> represents alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl;

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R<sup>1</sup> is alkyl, aryl, alkenyl, alkynyl, or when A is cyano;

-OR<sup>e</sup>, wherein R<sup>e</sup> is alkyl, acyl, aryl or alkylaryl;  
 -O-[CH<sub>2</sub>]<sub>m</sub>-OR<sup>f</sup>, wherein R<sup>f</sup> represents hydrogen, alkyl, acyl, aryl or alkylaryl and m represents an integer 1-8;

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R<sup>1</sup> can also be

-OCONR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>c</sup>, wherein R<sup>a</sup> and R<sup>c</sup> are as defined above;

-SR<sup>d</sup>, wherein R<sup>d</sup> is as defined above;

-SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>f</sup>, wherein R<sup>f</sup> and R<sup>a</sup> are as defined above;

-SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>a</sup>, wherein R<sup>a</sup> is as defined above;

5 - COOR<sup>d</sup>, wherein R<sup>d</sup> is as defined above;

R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen, halogen, alkyl, aryl, or alkylaryl,

R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are the same or different and each represents hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, or alkylaryl;

T represents O, S or a single bond;

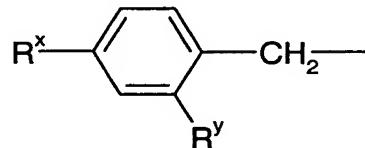
10 n represents 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected substituents, comprising C, H, N, O, S, Se, P or halogen atoms, which give compounds of the General Formula I a molecular weight < 650;

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with a first proviso that

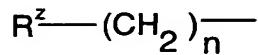
when A is CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)COOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)COOH; T is O; n is 1 and R<sup>5</sup> represents a C<sub>2-4</sub>alkyl group then R<sup>6</sup> does not represent a group of formula



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wherein R<sup>x</sup> represents chloro, trifluoromethyl or trifluoromethoxy, R<sup>y</sup> represents H or fluoro;

and a second proviso that when A is CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)COOC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub> or CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)COOH ; T is O; n is 1 and R<sup>5</sup> represents hexyl or heptyl then R<sup>6</sup> does not represent a group of formula



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wherein R<sup>z</sup> represents phenyl, 2,4-difluorophenyl or cyclohexyl, and n is 1 or 2;

provided that the compound of formula I is not:

(2S)-4-[2-[[2-[(2,6-dichlorophenyl)methyl]thio]ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)-4-[2-[butyl(1-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-  
α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(3-pyridinyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]-α-phenoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[(1-methyl-3-phenylpropyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

15 (2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[4-[4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-1-piperazinyl]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[[2-(4-bromophenyl)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-  
α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)-4-[2-[[2-[ethyl(3-methylphenyl)amino]ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]-  
α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

α-methoxy-α-methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-α-methoxy-4-[2-[(3-methylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]-α-methoxy-  
α-methyl- benzenepropanoic acid;

30 4-[2-[4-(2-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-

oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy-, benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-chlorobenzoyl)-1-piperidinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy-, benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)-4-[2-[ethyl[(3-methylphenyl)methyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(4-phenoxyphenyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[(1-methylhexyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)-4-[2-[(1,1'-biphenyl)-4-ylmethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

3-[2-[[cis-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

15 (2S)-4-[2-[4-(3-chlorophenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[methyl[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[4-(4-methylphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[[3-(methylphenylamino)propyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(cyclobutylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[(2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl)amino]ethoxy]- $\alpha$ -[4-(trifluoromethoxy)phenoxy]-

25 benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

30 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[[[(1S)-1-(1-naphthalenyl)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl](phenylmethyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(3,3-diphenylpropyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)-4-[2-[[trans-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- $\alpha$ -phenoxy-, ethyl ester- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)-4-[2-[(2,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluorobutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(3,4-dihydro-2(1H)-isoquinolinyl)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

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15 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[(1-naphthalenylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(4-chlorophenyl)phenylmethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(2-pyridinyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(1S)-1-phenylethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(cyclopentylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

25 (2S)-4-[2-[4-[bis(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

4-[2-[cyclohexyl[2-(4-ethylphenyl)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -ethoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

30 (2S)-4-[2-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

D-Phenylalanine, N-[[4-[(2S)-2-carboxy-2-methoxyethyl]phenoxy]acetyl]-,  $\alpha$ -methyl ester;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-[(4-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-3-[2-oxo-2-[(4-phenoxyphenyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[(1-methylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[methyl(1-naphthalenylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-3-[2-[[trans-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-[(4-chlorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

15 (2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-fluorobenzoyl)-1-piperidinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[ethyl[(2-fluorophenyl)methyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

20 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-[[2-(4-methoxyphenoxy)ethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(1,3-dimethylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -(4-fluorophenoxy)- $\alpha$ -methyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

25 (2S)-4-[2-[(3,3-dimethylbutyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-methyl-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

30 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(1R)-1-phenylethyl]amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[4-(4-acetylphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[(3-ethoxy-3-oxopropyl)(phenylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

5 (2S)-4-[2-[[cis-4-(1,1-dimethylethyl)cyclohexyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)- $\alpha$ -ethyl-4-[2-oxo-2-[[2-(4-phenoxyphenyl)ethyl]amino]ethoxy]- $\alpha$ -phenoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-(hexylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

10 (2S)- $\alpha$ -methoxy-4-[2-oxo-2-[(2-phenylethyl)(phenylmethyl)amino]ethoxy]- benzenepropanoic acid;

(2S)-4-[2-[ethyl[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-1-methylethyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -methoxy- benzenepropanoic acid;

15 [[4-[2-oxo-2-[[phenyl[2-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methyl]amino]ethyl]phenyl]methyl]-, diethyl ester-propanedioic acid;

4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethyl]- $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -dimethyl-, ethyl ester - benzenepropanoic acid;

2-[[4-(2-amino-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]methylene]-3-oxo-, methyl ester -butanoic acid;

20 4-[2-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]- $\alpha$ -phenyl-,ethyl ester- benzenepropanoic acid;

4-[2-(heptylamino)-2-oxoethyl]- $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -dimethyl-, ethyl ester - benzenepropanoic acid;

25 4-[2-[[2-[(1,1-dimethylethoxy)carbonyl]methylamino]-4-hydroxyphenyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy]- $\alpha$ -(methylthio)-, ethyl ester-benzenepropanoic acid;

[[4-[2-oxo-2-[[phenyl[2-(1-piperidinyl)phenyl]methyl]aminoethyl]phenyl]methyl]-propanedioic acid;

30 N-[3-[4-[2-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]phenyl]-1-oxo-2-phenylpropyl]-, methyl ester - glycine;

4-[2-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]- $\alpha$ -phenyl-benzenepropanoic acid;

N-[3-[4-[2-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl]phenyl]-1-oxo-2-phenylpropyl]-glycine;

or

4-[3-[methyl(2-phenylethyl)amino]-3-oxopropyl]- $\alpha$ -phenyl-benzenpropanoic acid.

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3. A compound according to claim 1 or 2 wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected substituents, comprising C, H, N, O, S or halogen atoms, which give compounds of the General Formula I a molecular weight < 650.

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4. A compound according to claim 1 or 2 wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represent hydrogen, C<sub>1-13</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-10</sub>alkenyl or C<sub>2-10</sub>alkynyl each of which is optionally substituted by one or more of the following which may be the same or different: C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkenyl, aryl, heterocyclyl, heteroaryl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkoxy, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkenyloxy, aryloxy, heterocyclxyloxy, heteroaryloxy, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, aryl C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, heterocyclyl C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy or heteroaryl C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, fluorine or hydroxy and wherein each of these substituents may optionally be substituted on carbon with one or more substituents which may be the same or different and selected from C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl (optionally substituted by C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), aryl (optionally substituted by C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), heterocyclyl (optionally substituted by C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl on any nitrogen), heteroaryl (optionally substituted by C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkoxy, C<sub>3-8</sub>cycloalkyl C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy, aryloxy (optionally substituted by C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), aryl C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (wherein the aryl part is optionally substituted by C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), halogen, amino, nitro, hydroxy, methylsulfonyl, methylsulfonyloxy, cyano or methylenedioxy,

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or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> independently represent C<sub>3-C<sub>8</sub></sub> cycloalkyl; C<sub>3-C<sub>8</sub></sub> cycloalkenyl; aryl; heterocyclyl; or heteroaryl; wherein each of these groups is optionally substituted by one

or more of the following: C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano), aryl (optionally substituted by C<sub>1-8</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-8</sub>alkoxy (optionally substituted by one or more fluoro), halogen, hydroxy, nitro or cyano; or R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a single or a fused heterocyclic system.

5. A compound according to claim 1, claim 2 or claim 4 wherein A is CH<sub>2</sub>CH(OR<sup>1</sup>)COOR<sup>m</sup> wherein R<sup>1</sup> represents C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl and wherein R<sup>m</sup> represents H or C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl.

10 6. A compound according to any of the claims 1 to 5 wherein n represents 2, 3 or 4.

15 7. A compound according to any of the claims 1 to 6 wherein R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are the same or different and each represents alkyl, aryl or alkylaryl.

8. A compound according to any of the claims 1 to 6 wherein R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are hydrogen.

19 9. A compound according to any of the claims 1 to 8 wherein R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected substituents, comprising C, N, O, S, Se, P or halogen atoms.

20 10. A compound according to any of the claims 1 to 8 wherein when either of R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> is hydrogen, the other is not an alkyl.

25 11. A compound according to any of the claims 1 to 10 wherein R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen or fluorine.

30 12. One or more compounds selected from:  
(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(2,4-Difluorobenzyl)(octyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid  
(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(2,4-Difluorobenzyl)(nonyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(2,4-Difluorobenzyl)(4-ethylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[Benzyl(methyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{heptyl[(1-methylindol-2-yl)methyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(2,3-Dimethoxybenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[Butyl(2,3-dimethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic

10 (2S)-3-(4-{2-[(4-Chlorobenzyl)(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(Cyclohexylmethyl)(2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-2-Ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[ethyl(2-fluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

15 (2S)-3-(4-{2-[(benzyloxy)benzyl](butyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[bis(4-Chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(4-*tert*-Butylbenzyl)(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

20 (2S)-3-[4-(2-{(4-Chlorobenzyl)[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-[4-(2-{bis[4-(Trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[Benzyl(ethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid and

25 (2S)-3-(4-{2-[(4-*tert*-Butylbenzyl)(ethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(3-ethoxypropyl)(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

30 (2S)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2-chlorobenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[heptyl(4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

5 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-cyanocyclohexyl)methyl](4-isopropylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-isopropylbenzyl)(2-methoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

10 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(2-chlorobenzyl)(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(2,3-dimethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)(4-ethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

15 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)(3-bromobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-[4-(2-{(1,3-benzodioxol-5-ylmethyl)[3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(3,5-dimethoxybenzyl)(4-ethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

20 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(3-chloro-4-fluorobenzyl)(4-ethoxybenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-ethoxybenzyl)(2-thienylmethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

25 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(isopropyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-{4-[2-(dibenzylamino)-2-oxoethoxy]phenyl}-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[bis(2-methoxyethyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{heptyl[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

30 (2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{heptyl[4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-ethylbenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-*tert*-butylbenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[heptyl(4-isobutylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

5 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-fluorobenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

10 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-bromobenzyl)(heptyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-ethylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-*tert*-butylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

15 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-isobutylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(butyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(4-fluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

20 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-bromobenzyl)(butyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[butyl(2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-[4-(2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)[4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino]-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

25 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(4-ethylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(4-isobutylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

30 (2*S*)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(4-fluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(4-bromobenzyl)(4-chlorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(2,4-difluorobenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

5 (2S)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{(4-methylbenzyl)[4-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

(2S)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-(2-{(4-methylbenzyl)[4-(trifluoromethoxy)benzyl]amino}-2-oxoethoxy)phenyl]propanoic acid

(2S)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-ethylbenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-

10 oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(4-*tert*-butylbenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-isobutylbenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

15 (2S)-3-(4-{2-[benzyl(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-2-ethoxy-3-(4-{2-[(4-fluorobenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)propanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(4-chlorobenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(4-bromobenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

(2S)-3-(4-{2-[(2,4-difluorobenzyl)(4-methylbenzyl)amino]-2-oxoethoxy}phenyl)-2-ethoxypropanoic acid

25 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

13. A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 or 12 in admixture with pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, diluents and/or carriers.

14. A method of treating or preventing lipid disorders (dyslipidemia) whether or not

30 associated with insulin resistance comprising the administration of a compound according to any one of claims 1 or 12 to a mammal in need thereof.

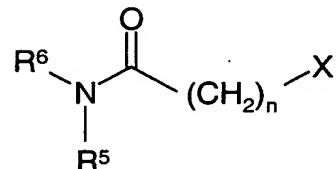
15. The use of a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 12 in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of lipid disorders (dyslipidemia) whether or not associated with insulin resistance.

5 16. A method of treating or preventing type 2 diabetes comprising the administration of an effective amount of a compound of formula I according to any one of claims 1 to 15 to a mammal in need thereof.

10 17. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to any one of claims 1 to 11 combined with another therapeutic agent that is useful in the treatment of disorders associated with the development and progress of atherosclerosis such as hypertension, hyperlipidaemias, dyslipidaemias, diabetes and obesity.

18. A compound of formula VI:

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VI

wherein  $R^5$ ,  $R^6$  and  $n$  is as defined in any of the preceding claims and  $X$  is a leaving group, such as a halide,  $OSO_2CH_3$ , OTosyl, ONosyl,  $OSO_2CF_3$ ,  $OC(O)OR$ ,  $OP(O)(OR)_2$  or  $OSO_2OR$ , particularly chloro or bromo.

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